

are also putting up electric light signs to draw the attention of the candidate before the eyes of the people. The Boles people had a badge made, consisting of an ear of corn on a polished brass background. The Bland people immediately bought up a quantity and paraded them to show that the Boles badge was "yellow," therefore he must be for gold.

peculiar feature of the convention situation is the campaign of oratory that goes on constantly in the hotel corridors. There was none of it at St. Louis, but here there is not an hour in the day when two or three joint discussions are not in progress in the rotunda of the Palmer House and the Sherman House.

**Fake Arguments.**  
It was discovered a few days ago that there was something peculiar about the recitals of the silver arguments. The gold advocates always got the best of the discussion, leaving the silver man to retire with marked defeat from the contest. A quiet investigation was put on foot, with the result that the discovery was made that these "arguments" were "fakes," put up by the gold men with the preconcerted arrangement that the silver man should be defeated. Since then a number of first-class silver talkers have been put into each hotel, and the financial discussion rages from morning until night.

It's a very torrid day when you don't get something refreshing from Secretary Morton of the Agricultural Department.

The following is from a morning paper: Between William McKinley and any free silver democrat the gold democrat and present Secretary of Agriculture, J. Sterling Morton, thinks there is the same pleasant alternative as lies between the devil and the deep blue sea. The eminent Nebraska thinks the best plan is to take to the woods. He may yet seek the forests of Europe.

Emulating the example of his chief, who has gone to Gray Gables for the Fourth, Secretary Morton left the Department of Agriculture and the rest of Washington to an innocuous desuetude Monday night. He rode into Chicago yesterday afternoon and at once sought the seclusion of the vine and fig tree which belongs to his son, Joy Morton, at 15 Groveland Park. It was on the grounds of this cozy home that the silver-headed statesman declared his fealty to gold.

"I have not come to Chicago to attend the convention, not being a delegate, an alternate or a politician," declared the Secretary, with a smile.

**Secretary Morton's Dilemma.**  
"I am out of politics just now," he continued, turned away in sarcasm.

"Chicago folks have been voting for your choice for President yet," suggested the reporter.

"Neither has anybody else," replied the Secretary, guardedly. "He doesn't seem to have materialized."

"Have I seen any signs of victory for the gold democrats?" repeated Mr. Morton. "Well, not many." "Just what the gold democrats will do when they are confronted with the choice of either McKinley or a free silver democrat. I am a democrat because I don't believe in paying a prohibitive protective tax on everything I buy. That, I take it, is the fundamental principle of democracy. Yet, if I vote for a free silver democrat, I am voting in favor of the protection of silver."

"Besides, I am not so sure that in voting for McKinley I would not cast a vote for the protection of everything and free silver. McKinley's record shows him to be like Wat Harding, a free silver democrat candidate for governor of Kentucky, a free silver man standing on a gold platform."

"Which will you do, Secretary Morton, vote for McKinley or a free silver democrat?"

Finally Mr. Morton replied: "I don't know. It will require a heap of thinking. What do I think of the nomination of Teller? Well, if the democrats want to repeat the Greeley fiasco of 1872, I think they would stand an excellent chance by nominating Senator Teller. That would surely be a fine choice to offer to democrats—McKinley one republican and Teller another republican."

**Revenge on Dickinson.**  
They are preparing trouble for Don M. Dickinson of Michigan, the gentleman with the gentle whiskers and the bland smile. It will be remembered that Mr. Dickinson put his rubber stamp on the silver question in Michigan not long ago. The silver men are going to take a walk with Mr. Dickinson now, but they will wear hob-nailed brogans and not rubber overshoes.

It is claimed that in the Michigan state democratic convention Mr. Dickinson rode over the silver majority in a ruthless manner, and now there is likelihood that the gold delegates will be the ones to be seated in the convention. The silver men, it is said, will throw out Mr. Dickinson's Michigan gold men as an especial slap at the administration. They have promised to seat a free silver representation that he may carry a tale of great woe back to President Cleveland.

This arrangement was made between the silver leaders, John McGrath, who came from Detroit to the convention, and a free coinage delegation would get in case he brought one. They laughed, and asked him what kind of a reception a delegation representing the opposition would receive in case the thing was reversed and the opposition was in the saddle. They told him to come along with his followers, and there would be no question of the result. McGrath will be there tomorrow morning, and with him a trainload of silver men and witnesses and feasters at the final slaughter of a man whose scalp they have wanted for four years.

Senator Walthall of Mississippi is one of the most influential of the southern democrats, and is a delegate-at-large to the convention. "I personally have a very high regard for Senator Teller," said he, "and I think I am going to vote for him. The south feels very kindly toward him, but this is a democratic convention, and I took to see only a democrat chosen to head the ticket here. Senator Teller's attitude on the silver question meets with the approval of the party, and his vote against the force bill earned their warmest gratitude, but I question whether there is a very strong feeling in the south in favor of his nomination to the presidency, for the simple reason that he has never been identified with the democratic party."

**Silver Men Claim 623 Delegates.**  
Silver men claim to have 623 delegates who will vote for free silver. This is three more than two-thirds of the entire number of delegates. Telegrams from state delegations traveling to Chicago indicate a desire on the part of the gold men to climb into the free silver band wagon. Yesterday morning the list of known silver delegates numbered 608. Last night the silver force, according to the estimates made, had been increased by three delegates from Florida, six from Massachusetts, three from Maryland, one from Washington and two from Minnesota. This was an aggregate of 623 delegates, making a total of 623, which is three more than two-thirds of the number of the 930 delegates to the convention.

The silver men have been counting on four delegates from Minnesota. A telegram was received by Senator Jones last night from the Minnesota delegation, containing the information that six, and possibly seven, of the delegates would vote for free silver. This was pleasant information, but it was not received with as much enthusiasm as the news that came in a letter from a Massachusetts delegate that six Massachusetts men were anxious to be counted in with the majority.

Another letter gave information that six

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New York delegates would vote for free silver if the unit rule could be broken. The Bland men are spending more money than the managers of any other campaign, and it is a mystery where it comes from. Mr. Bland is a poor man. He owns no property but a farm down near Lebanon, Mo., which is worth not more than \$1200 or \$1500.

**The McLean Boom.**  
The friends of Mr. John R. McLean are conducting one of the most vigorous campaigns being waged in all Chicago. It is much under the surface, but is effective. His candidacy is for the vice presidency, and the hope is that it will lead to the determination to win for Washington's gas magnate if it is within the range of possibilities to effect that end. His managers are linking Mr. McLean's name with the Teller boom in some quarters, although publicly his candidacy for the vice presidency stands upon its own merits.

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## FEW FIRST CHOICES.

### All the Pledged Delegates Hardly Make a Majority.

Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 4.—About all has now been done toward putting up plans for candidates that can be accomplished before the mass of delegates arrive. As they come in Sunday and Monday the work of lining them up will be begun in earnest. The attitude of the leaders, who are on the ground, is pretty generally understood. Most of them are convinced that Teller is the strongest man to nominate, and many are working earnestly but quietly to bring the nomination about. At first this was not realized fully by the friends of the various candidates, but they have all come to comprehend the situation and are working about them for it. The Bland people are disposed to display bad temper and to refer to the Teller movement as a conspiracy put up in advance. They contend that the leaders do not represent the rank and file of the delegates, and complain that what they call the "senatorial syndicate" is trying to run things.

### Small Support for Candidates.

A peculiar feature of the situation is the very small support that any one of the candidates has and the apparently disheartened attitude with the whole list of candidates presented. The importance of the Teller movement arises not so much from a desire on the part of any set of democrats to bestow the honor upon him, but from the circumstance that no democrat has yet been proposed for the nomination of the vice president. A second set of suitable democratic material. Two sets of men of the character of which to make Presidents are barred. The large number of very able men in the party from the south still regarded as unavailable because it is not thought that the time has come when the country will so far forget the rebellion as to place any of its participants in supreme power. The flower of the party is thus thinned.

The other class upon whom there rests an embargo are those of the east who are opposed to silver. This excludes from consideration a very large number of distinguished men, from among whom might be selected. Whitney, Olney, Hill, Flower, Russell, Patterson and many others are thus blacklisted. With the men of both these classes eliminated there remained a conservative few who might have been counted as available. The most conspicuous among these are Morrison, Vice President Stevenson, Matthews and Campbell. The desperate contest of the center has, however, carried the silver forces in their triumph at the primaries beyond the point where they can consider any conservative man. The feeling has become so intense and the lines have been so sharply drawn that they look with suspicion upon any man whose elbow has not been constantly touching theirs in the fight.

### The Three B's.

Conservatives are classed, without distinction, among the "gold bugs," and the man who reserved his declaration of faith until the battle was won is looked upon as one not to be trusted. The calendar of the day is full of the names of the center, and if it does not date far enough back it is discarded. This has greatly narrowed the field of choice. At the present minute the only avowed candidates in the field that the mass of silver delegates are very seriously taking into consideration are Bland, Boies and Blair. The desperate contest of the center has, however, carried the silver forces in their triumph at the primaries beyond the point where they can consider any conservative man. The feeling has become so intense and the lines have been so sharply drawn that they look with suspicion upon any man whose elbow has not been constantly touching theirs in the fight.

In spite of the fact that the Indiana delegation are in the hands of Matthews and that they have a headquarters opened here and are working hard for him under the leadership of Senator Turpie, no one outside that delegation appears to regard the Indiana as among the possibilities. His pictures hang upon the walls in the cor-

ridors of all the hotels, and the Indiana people confer and consult their confidence, but the atoms of the assembling convention pay no attention. It is not yet known even who will second his nomination after Senator Turpie has presented it to the convention, and no one asks the question. Yet a few months ago he was one of the men who were expected to be in the front rank.

He is completely committed to the free coinage of silver, and is not at all with regard to the action of other nations, and no one disputes that this represents his convictions. But this is not satisfactory. He was silent when the silver fighters thought he ought to speak. While the battle hung in doubt he spoke no word of encouragement and threw not the weight of his influence in favor of the cause which now controls this convention. Therefore he is not counted as one of the faithful, and he does not appear to be "in it."

### His Silence Too Golden.

Though New York may present the name of Stevenson, and though an appeal will be made in the name of party harmony that he be nominated, the idea of his nomination scarcely elicits discussion. The silver men say that silence is golden and that he will stand by the side of the gold. He uttered the speech which he delivered six months ago he had been outspoken for free coinage his nomination would now be the most probable thing. Leaders looking over the list of democratic candidates they are called upon to choose from beat their heads and say a plague on timidity when they think of Stevenson.

Such is the spirit of this convention. All that is silver makes for them an idol, but that which they have not tested with time and seen pass through fire they suspect of being merely plated. Bland is an idol among the enthusiasts, and they halt only at the cold calculation of expediency.

The fact that Bland's candidacy is strong or with the rank and file of delegates that among the leaders is not due to lack of regard for him by the latter, but is on account of the greater disposition among experienced leaders to calculate chances of success and to regard expediency. The less experienced delegates are moved more by sentiment. Bland appeals to this sentiment. His years of identification with the silver cause have made him an idol among the silver men, and that he is known among them by the endearing name of "Silver Dick" excites their enthusiasm.

It is in this that lies his strength, there arising the apparent conflict between the leaders and those who are expected to be elected. There rests the issue—whether expediency or sentiment shall prevail. The gold men are determined to win for Washington's gas magnate if it is within the range of possibilities to effect that end. His managers are linking Mr. McLean's name with the Teller boom in some quarters, although publicly his candidacy for the vice presidency stands upon its own merits.

Mr. McLean is flanked by a body of very astute political workers, who are extending his interests upon every possible legitimate line known to the politician, and it can be safely said that today his chances for receiving the vice presidential nomination are better than those of any one else.

### Faith in His Own Candidacy.

But it has not the same seasoning of years that has the Bland sentiment, and there is some doubt of Blackburn's having turned out with faith in his own candidacy. It is on account of the lack of this sentiment that the Boles boom has fallen short of expectations. That a candidate is a silver man does not suffice; he must be a silver man of silver men the most intense.

The field of candidates being narrowed down so small, and the doubt among the gold men as to the prospects of Bland, it is to carry the country, give strength to the Teller movement. Those who lack confidence in the availability of Bland find when they shy from the suggestion of Teller themselves at once walking in the shadow of the Missouri. Then they turn back to Teller.

If not yet reconciled to the idea of going outside the party for a candidate, they will look once more about them for a candidate, but each time they find themselves turned back. Then, one by one, slowly they give up the search and settle down on the Colorado leader. By a process of backing and filling, the Teller boom is being built up. It is a delicate and difficult situation. The reluctance with which the gold men make about the party, the choice of candidates is demonstrated by the fact that though it takes 611 votes to nominate, Bland (conceded to be the leading candidate) has scarcely above a hundred votes to which he can, with authority, lay claim.

### Small Field.

All the votes that all the candidates can yet lay claim to would be enough to nominate if concentrated on a single one. A large majority of the delegates are still unattached. They have got to settle down on some one, they don't know whom; but they are constantly confronted by the man with pencil and paper to try, by figuring, the prospects of each candidate for election if nominated.

It is always the same: "The east eliminated, the south sure for any candidate; the west to be relied on to secure the election, get the western vote or suffer defeat. Now, who is the man who can get their western votes?"

This ever-recurring proposition staggers and bewilders, and causes them to turn from one candidate to another, and to doubt and to hesitate.

### THE SOUND MONEY MEN.

#### They Are on the Ground and Open Their Headquarters.

Special From a Staff Correspondent.

CHICAGO, July 4.—The sound money contingents are here. With them are two portraits of Cleveland, the first that have appeared. One is hung in the New York headquarters and another in the home of the Pennsylvanians. Sound money placards in big black letters are being rapidly posted in conspicuous places in the hotel corridors and in windows. They are announcing the great sound money meeting to be held at the Auditorium tonight. They proclaim that sound money is not dead and is not going to die. These are simply signs of a loud and noisy campaign. Money in the convention is like a bucket of filtered water into a muddy stream. In hopes of clearing it. It was made evident at the conference of the gold men last evening that they did not know what they could do beyond making a noise and parade.

The Christian Endeavor Star.

The Evening Star will be sent to any address in the United States or Canada during Christian Endeavor week, July 8 to July 14, inclusive, for ten cents.

The issues of The Star will furnish a complete and continuous report of the events attending the great gathering. Every issue will be handsomely illustrated. The accounts of the many meetings and rallies will be full and readable.

A file of The Star for the week will provide one with a complete and vividly told history of the wonderful gathering and will be a valuable souvenir of the Convention of '96.

long respectability in contrast with the people of the silver and farmer-like multitude that fills the corridors of the Sherman House and Palmer House.

**Want the Temporary Chairmanship.**  
The only thing they claim to expect to accomplish is the election of a temporary chairman for the convention and the defeat of the ticket this fall. They make no attempt to disguise the fact that their effort and their prayer from the time a silver ticket is put in the field until it is voted on in November will be that it shall be defeated.

While they do not disclose their intentions as to an immediate "physical" bolt, they do not pretend to be combining with the ticket, and they probably would not do so even if a conservative man were nominated on a silver platform.

They will not accept the platform. One strong consideration for their remaining nominally in the party is the hope of naming enough gold democrats for Congress to defeat silver legislation. In the event of the election of a silver President their only hope will be in being able to overbalance the silver men in the House. The Senate is already silver, with the possibility of becoming more strongly so, and the gold men feel they must depend largely upon capturing the House, since there are no conservative members of the presidential ticket to be nominated here.

The gold people are using three arguments in the vain effort to convert their wayward brothers. One is the great respectability of the element which free silver will alienate; another is that free silver will lose everything to the party in the east, insuring the defeat of nearly all democratic candidates for Congress in the east, and threatening the general defeat and destruction of the party. The other is a demand upon the gratitude of the southern democrats for the services of the eastern democracy in the past.

None of these arguments seems to appeal to the stubborn silverites, and the last is regarded at least of all, especially as there is implied in it the admission that the gold men, as well as political, should be considered.

### Gov. Altgeld's Attitude.

The intentions of Governor Altgeld are still a puzzle to every one. He is credited with having some deep-down scheme, but what it is no one seems able to find out. The friends of the several candidates began by flattering him, in hope of getting his support. He "spoke far" to them, but kept his own counsel and committed himself to no one. His friendly manner led each candidate, in turn, to lay claim to his support, but as all claimed it on about the same terms, no one was able to find out if any had any special claim. At one time he began to complain and to criticize him, accusing him of trying to boss the convention and to drag local Illinois politics into it. Still he is non-committal. By some he is said to be for Bland, by others he is claimed for Boies, and again it is whispered that he is working to secure the nomination of Teller. The day of action, however, will bring out the truth.

Henry F. Donovan, another Altgeld lieutenant, is fighting Bland with all his might. Judge McConnell, who is counted Altgeld's closest friend, is outspoken and in the advocacy of Teller. Other Altgeld people are more moderate, and still others talking against Boies. The opposition to the two latter is attributed to their sympathy with President Cleveland's interference to protect property in Chicago during the strike, and this excites the criticism that Altgeld is trying to get an endorsement of his attitude on that occasion, to drag local politics into the convention.

It is agreed that all this confusion of tongues in the Altgeld council means something. The simpler explanation that the delegation is badly divided is promptly rejected. The apparent conflict of opinion is thought to be in furtherance of some deep plan, and the various interested parties are making about for the rat they believe to be concealed in the question constantly asked, "What is Altgeld after?"

**An Ugly Fight Likely.**  
It still looks like an ugly fight over the temporary chairmanship of the convention. The gold men declare that they will contest every point in the convention, and that the national committee will insist upon the observance of the time-honored custom of the committee naming the temporary chairman. If Senator Hill will permit the gold men to name their own chairman, they will be sure to select a man who will be a permanent thorn in the side of the silver men.

Some very earnest silver men who have not got blood in their eye all the while favor Hill. They have faith in him and think they can trust him to be fair and not to do anything to injure the party. They hardly dare venture an expression of opinion, however, lest their devotion to silver be taken for a sign of weakness.

It takes a sight of many a state delegation, and the display of a conciliatory spirit at once excites suspicion.

The radicals are still insisting that they will have none but a silver man. Bryan is most talked of for temporary chairman, and with Harris for permanent.

In picking out Bryan the silver men indicate their intentions as to the Nebraska silver men, and the silver men of Nebraska having distinct organizations and held separate conventions. The recognition of Bryan ignores the gold delegation as having any shadow of a claim.

### Boom for Bryan.

A movement was quietly set on foot yesterday to start a presidential boom for Bryan. It probably has in view the possibility of his being put on the tail of the ticket.

Wharton Barker of Philadelphia is here working quietly for Teller. Representative Hartman and Senators Pettigrew and Carter appeared on the scene yesterday. Senator Pettigrew said about the situation in Indiana. He said that he had been "addressed an enthusiastic meeting of over fifteen hundred people at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the night before I left. I never saw a more enthusiastic, cheering crowd of citizens in my life. There were many farmers from the surrounding country, farmers and laboring men from the State of Iowa, and they were all fully understanding the present situation fully, and say that they do not propose to be turned over with hands and feet bound into the complete control of the money power. I firmly believe that fully ninety, yes, ninety-five, per cent of the voters at that meeting would vote for Senator Teller for President. Whether they would vote for a straight democrat if nominated I am not prepared at this time to say."

**Personal Mention.**  
Dr. West of the Emergency Hospital house staff is away from the city on leave of absence, and will not return until July 6. During his absence Dr. Charles E. O'Connor is on duty at the hospital.

Mr. Ernest W. Marlow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Marlow of Capitol Hill, left this morning for New York to take the steamer Acadia, and to meet some of his Harvard classmates in New York, from which point they will tour the continent together, returning September 15.

Among the prominent Washingtonians at the Cordova, Atlantic City, is Mr. Geo. H. Schenck. The committee named at the convention supplying the official badge and souvenir buttons for the dedication ceremonies at the opening of the steel esplanade July 8, 1896.

### Reservists Called Out.

BAIONICA, July 4.—All the Turkish reservists in this district have been called out.

## BLAND MEN SERENE

They Claim to Be Making Steady Gains.

## DEMOCRATIC POLITICIANS AT WORK

Effect of the Gold Men's Conference.

## SENATOR HILL IS RETICENT

CHICAGO, July 4.—The Fourth of July and the advent of a national convention are the two contending elements at Chicago. The silver men are making steady gains, the crash of hands, the marching of organizations, the swaying of great crowds along the thoroughfares, the haranguing of orators in the hotel corridors and the gaily decorated store fronts are inspired by love of country or of party. Scold, if over here, and the city has the national holiday and a national convention in conjunction, and it is a combination calculated to stagger even Chicago.

The day was ushered in with the usual demonstrations of patriotism. At 6 o'clock the guns at Fort Sheridan boomed an early salute, and this was taken up and continued down town in one immense cannonade of small arms and crackers. The weather was hot and muggy, but a breeze off the lake stirred the air sufficiently to make the situation endurable among the workers that it has been during the intense heat of preceding days. The sun shined brightly, and the sky was clear, and the weather prediction for the day held out the prospect of showers followed by slightly cooler weather.

The political centers were astir early in the day, for there had been little rest for the weary workers after the patriotic artillery had been going on since the storm centers for the general crowd were the hotel lobbies of the Palmer House, Auditorium, and the various hotels. The silver men of these and other places were busy with their conferences and their efforts to the deafening peals from without. Early in the day the silver men were busy with their conferences and their efforts to the deafening peals from without. Early in the day the silver men were busy with their conferences and their efforts to the deafening peals from without.

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